

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING A FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S OATH/DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Date: December 20, 1999

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**SURFACE TOPOLOGY INSPECTION**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
**18** pages of specification and claims including  
**19** numbered claims and also attached is/are  
**7** sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
<b>9828474.8</b>	<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>24 December 1998</b>

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):  
**Application No.** **Filing Date**

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached.

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